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W. W. Drummond, Justice Utah Territory  
Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, Attorney General of  
the United States, Washington City, D. C.

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Pony Express

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W. W. DRUMMOND, Justice Utah Territory.  
Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, Attorney General of the United States, Washington City, D. C.

*Parley P. Pratt*  
(May 13, 1857.—Parley P. Pratt was killed by Hector H. McLean, near Van Buren, Arkansas, presumably in jealousy at the conversion of Mrs. McLean to Mormonism. Pratt led the second immigration into the Salt Lake valley; and then explored southern Utah in 1849-50. It is said of him: "He traveled more, and preached and wrote more and better, than any of his peers.")

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"Near the 'Sweet Water,' he met Messrs.

Kimball and Ferguson. This is about 200 miles West of Fort Laramie, and 300 east of Salt Lake. He heard from them the rumour, and in order to get at the facts, he remained with Mr. Trist, the Indian agent, for several days. The Indians had come into the Fort and reported that twelve of them had attacked Colonel Babbitt while one of his men was away, and after the Colonel had fired his double barrel gun and his two revolvers, one of the Indians crept behind the wagon and tomahawked the Colonel. Frank Rowland and Sutherland were also killed."

"The Indians said the Colonel fought like a grizzly bear.

"When at Fort Kearney, Captain Hawley learned that Major Wharton had in his possession the papers (including a draft of \$8,000) and some of his hair. His watch was obtained by a Frenchman, from the Indians. Altogether about eighteen whites have been killed. . . .

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**LAWYERS AND DOCTORS.**—After the departure of the company that went with the Governor there were only two lawyers and two or three doctors left in the city. Both of the lawyers have been steadily at work, and all the doctors have been following some useful employment, aside from their profession, but one, and we are sorry to state that he has not been seen, to our knowledge, with either axe, hoe, pick, shovel or spade in his hand for a long time, though he seems to be busy every day.

*The Deseret News*, June 3, 1857

**THE EASTERN MAIL** arrived on the 29th ult., having left Independence on the 1st of May, and much credit is due to Mr. John Murdoch, conductor to Laramie, and to Mr. O. P. Rockwell, conductor from that point to this city, for the perseverance, prudence and energy displayed in the transportation of so large a mail in such good time and condition, especially at a time when the east half of the route was nearly destitute of forage and grain was scarce and high priced. This is the first mail from Independence since the 13th of November 1856, and of course the 24 sacks now brought contain much printed matter long since out of date. The contents of one sack were slightly damp, but in no wise injured, the carriers having crossed a swollen stream under the impression, from their appearance, that the sacks were waterproof, which is not the case, a fact that it will be well to keep in mind. . . .

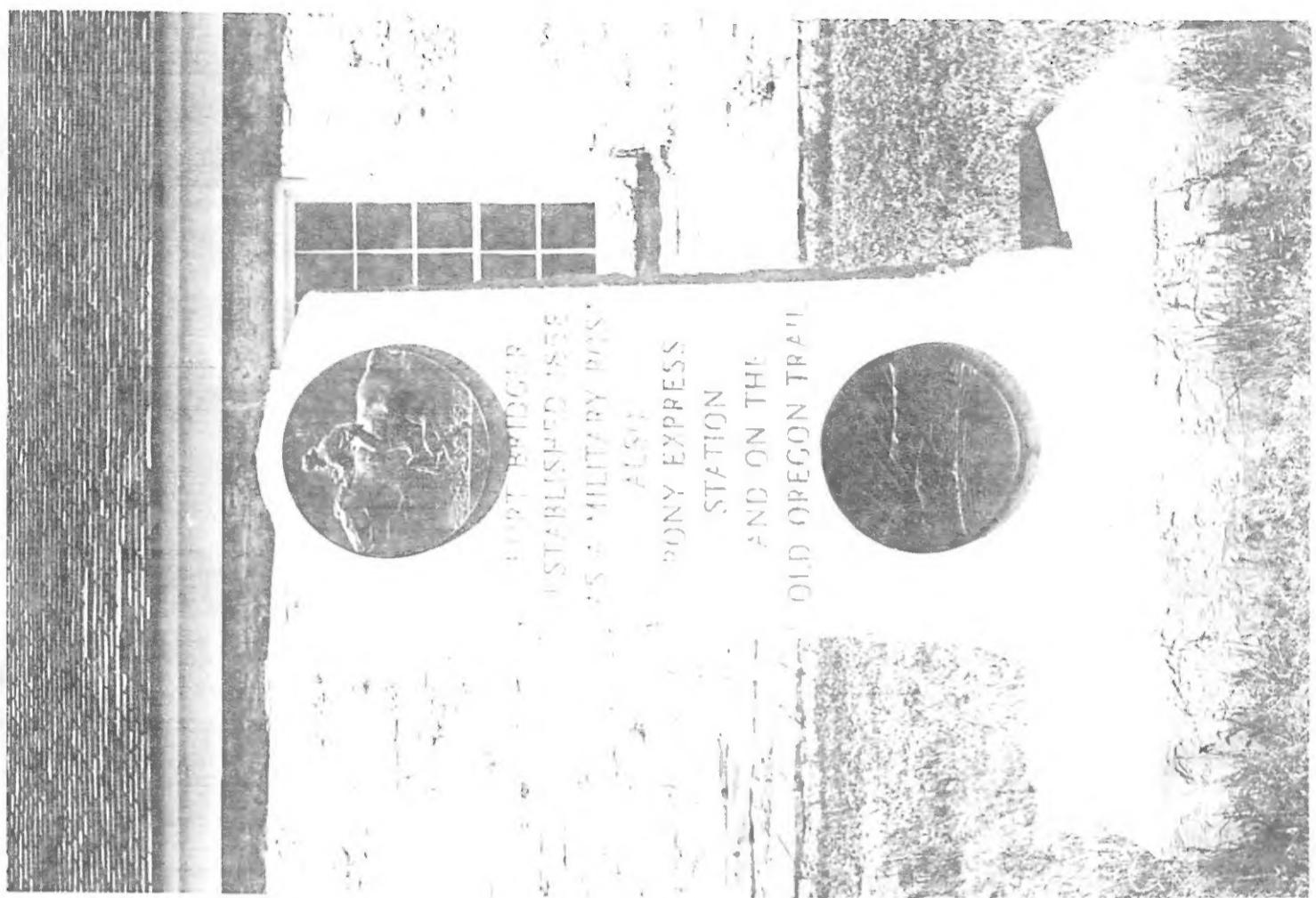
**THE EASTERN MAIL**, under charge of Mr. A. O. Smoot, left on the 2nd inst., schedule

# Family History DOCUMENTATION

| Age          | Date                      | Fact   | Document or Source of Information   |
|--------------|---------------------------|--|---|
| Pony Express | 3 Apr 1860 to 24 Oct 1861 | <p>Early in 1860 a new development in continental communication began with the Majors, Russell, and Waddell freighting company's decision to establish a pony express across the Rockies and demonstrate that mail could be carried from St. Joseph, Missouri, to the Pacific Coast in eight days. In March 1860 the following advertisement was printed:<sup>5</sup></p> <p><i>To San Francisco in 8 days by the Central Overland California Pikes Peak Express Company. The first courier of the pony express will leave the Missouri River on Tuesday, April the 8th at 5:00 p.m. and will run regularly weekly thereafter, letter mail only. Point of departure on the Missouri River will be the telegraphic connection with the East which will be announced in due time. Telegraph messages from all parts of the country.</i></p> <p>The pony express was a remarkable success in performance although it proved to be a financial failure. It operated from 3 April 1860 to 24 October 1861—less than nineteen months. Such a service during this early period of the Civil War was important however, bringing the far west and its treasures closer to the union. It also hastened the coming of the telegraph and the railroad. The pony express route ran between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. From St. Joseph, Missouri to Fort Bridger the route followed much of the Oregon Trail, and from Fort Bridger the route led into Salt Lake City,</p> |  <p>The pony express rider is the symbol of western courage and adventure.</p> |



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Monument at Fort Bridger commemorating the pony express and Oregon trail.